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SUBJ: REPLY OF ECUADOREAN NAVY COMMANDANT TO US SHIP OFFER

REF: A. QUITO 4934; B. STATE 143626; C. STATE 128560

1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A), EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED LETTER FROM CNO TRANSMITTED REFS (B) AND (C) TO ECUADOREAN NAVY COMMANDANT RADM SERGIO VASQUEZ PACHECO. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPLY DATED 2 AUGUST. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. "DEAR ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF 16 JULY, I WISH TO INDICATE TO YOU THAT IN THE CONVERSATIONS HELD PREVIOUSLY IN WASHINGTON WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR, ADMIRAL ZUMWALT, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ECUADOREAN NAVY WERE DISCUSSED, WHICH CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF THE TRANSFER OF TWO ACTIVE DESTROYER-TYPE SHIPS, A REQUIREMENT WHICH CONTINUES TO EXIST TO THE PRESENT DATE.

3. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, I WOULD BE MOST PLEASED IF, IN ADDITION TO THE DELIVERY OF ONE ACTIVE DESTROYER IN FISCAL YEAR 1976, CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN

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TO THE TRANSFER OF A SECOND SHIP OF THE SAME TYPE IN THE

SAME FISCAL YEAR (1976), WHILE STILL MAINTAINING THE OFFER OF TWO ADDITIONAL SHIPS FOR TRANSFER IN FUTURE YEARS.

4. "WITH REGARD TO THE INACTIVE SHIP COMING FROM THE U.S. NAVY MOTHBALL FLEET, THE TWO PCFS AND THE OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP, I MUST INDICATE TO YOU, ADMIRAL, THAT THE ECUADOREAN NAVY IS NOT INTERESTED IN THEIR ACQUISITION; HOWEVER, I AM CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD BE OF POSITIVE HELP TO OUR NAVY IF CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE DELIVERY OF A CONVENTIONAL SUBMARINE INSTEAD OF THESE ITEMS.

5. "WITH RESPECT TO THE REST OF THE ITEMS OFFERED, THESE WILL BE CONSIDERED ONCE THE TRANSFER OF THE TWO AFORE-MENTIONED DESTROYER-TYPE SHIPS HAS BEEN AGREED UPON. IT IS MOST IMPERATIVE THAT WE RECEIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NAME, TYPE, CLASS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHIP AS WELL AS U.S. NAVY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REPAIRS, TRAINING AND SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED TO US IN ORDER THAT THE ECUADOREAN NAVY MAY BE ABLE TO PLAN ITS ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSFER OF THESE SHIPS. SINCERELY, SERGIO VASQUEZ PACHECO, REAR ADMIRAL, COMMANDER OF THE NAVY."

6. COPIES OF ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCED STATE, DOD,

CNO AND USCINCSO. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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